

Remarks

Upon entry of the instant amendment claims 31 and 32 are pending. Claims 1-30 have been canceled. Claims 31 and 32 have been amended to independent form. Claims 1-30 have been canceled. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Lindhorst et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,337,696. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27 and 29 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindhorst et al. patent in view of Delp U.S. Patent No. 6,026,411. Claims 4, 14 and 24 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindhorst et al. in view of Knowlton et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,973,692. Claims 8, 10, 18 and 20 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindhorst et al. in view of Sampath-Kumar et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,169,573.

In response to these rejections, claims 1-30 have been canceled. Thus, these rejections should be obviated.

Conclusion

An earnest attempt has been made to address each and every issue in the Official Action. Accordingly, an early allowance is earnestly solicited.

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31. (Amended) A method [as recited in claim 1, further] for associating a color of an object with an event comprising:

determining a location on a video screen where an action by a pointing device has occurred, defining a selected location;

determining a color value for said selected location;

associating an event with said color value including the step of defining an edge associated with the color value.

32. (Amended) [The] A system [as recited in claim 21] for associating a color of an object with an event comprising:

a system for determining a location on a video screen wherein an action by a pointing device has occurred, defining a selected location;

a system for determining a color value for said selected location; and

a system for associating an event with said color value, wherein said system is configured to define an edge associated with the color value.